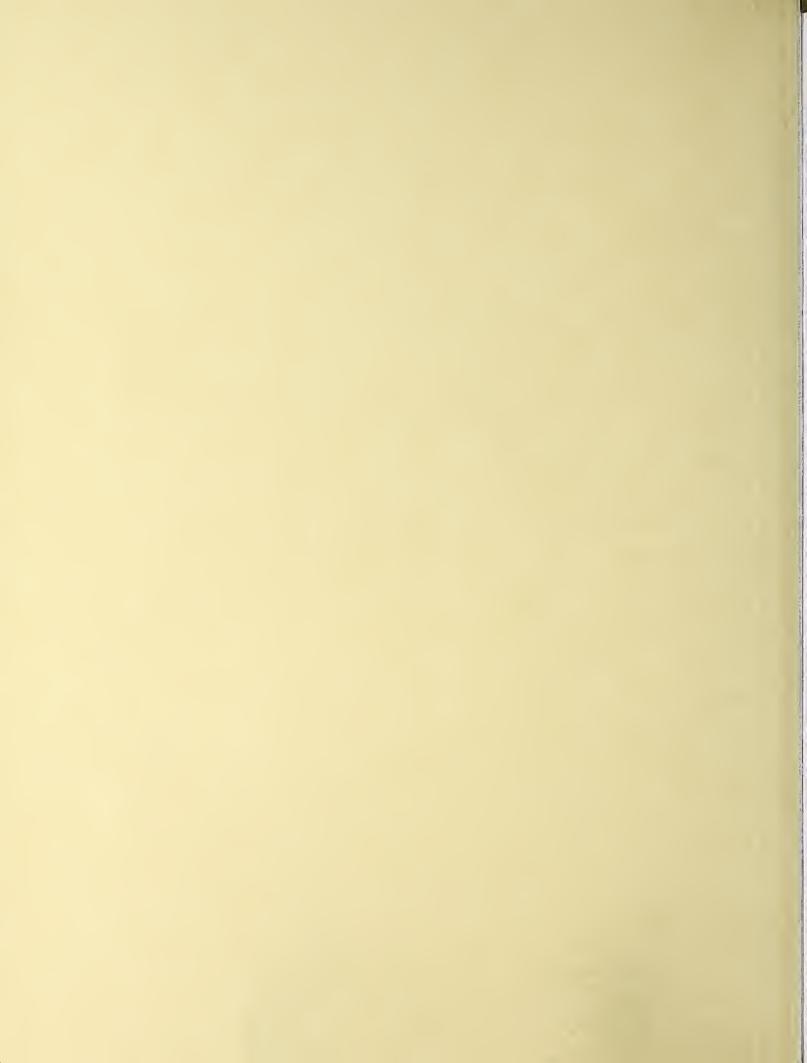
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## Curios and Relics Furniture Desk Owned by Ninian Edwards

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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Beulah Brown Fletcher Columbus Indiana

LINCOLN LIFE

Referred to

REC'D FEB 13 1935

President. Lincoln National Insurance Co., Fort Wayne, Indiana My Dear Sir-

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

In the Washington News and several magazines I have noticed the inclosed advertisement for the John Hancock Insurance Company.

I am wondering if the Lincoln Company would be interested in buying a solid walnut desk in front of which Lincoln was married to Mary Todd, at the home of her brother-in-law Ninian Edwards. The desk was in the Edwards' home and Lincoln wrote on it many times.

The desk was inherited by Mrs. Furgeson, of Springfield, Ill., who died in that city at an advanced age about three years ago. It was willed to her by her father, Ninian Edward Edwards with the imperative request that it never be sold because of its historic significance.

Mrs. Furgeson's chaffear and service man was Robert Clawson. He lived with her family for years and attended to all errands of Mrs. Furgeson and personally escorted her to church and on shooping tours. He inherited money from Mrs. Furgeson and also the desk, which he promis ed never to sell.

Bob Clawson is now the chaffeur for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seward, Bates Avenue, Springfield, Ill. Mr. Seward is a brother of my brother-in-law, Robert A Seward, secretary- manager, of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Bon Clawson frequently drives the Sewards over here and I visit at the Seward home in Springfield. He learned that I have a collection of anticues and gave me the desk. I have had it three years. I feel that it is a historic piece and much too valuable to be in a private home. I want to sell it. There are no restrictions on my disposing of it for cash. It is a solid walnut slant top desk, with finely reeded stretcher and claw feet. The handles to small drawers are inlaid with mother o'pearl. It is not a bookcase desk or Governor Winthrop as is pictured here. A connoiseur would 'now that the boy. Winthrop type desk the ink hottle.

and I have not.

If you are at all pleased to hear from you soon.

Yours Very Truly

Beulah! would not be of the style used in Lincoln's time. A large ink-spot on the green is where Lincoln tipped over the ink hottle. I was cautioned not to have this removed,

If you are at all interested, shall be

Yours Very Truly,

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